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A national nonprofit group announced Monday that Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.) will introduce a bill to improve the relationship between the federal government and nonprofits.

The McCollum bill is aimed at generating "better federal coordination, greater support for the work of nonprofit organizations and the collection of meaningful data and research about nonprofits," according to the Washington D.C.-based National Council of Nonprofits. The organization will hold a press conference Wednesday with McCollum in Washington, D.C., to unveil the proposed bill.

The bill would create a bipartisan, 16-member council to "consider the relationship between government and nonprofits," and make recommendations on contracting and improving efficiency, according to the council.

Linda Czipo, executive director of the New Jersey Center for Nonprofits, is a strong supporter of the proposed law.

"Nonprofits work with a lot of government agencies and have to comply with a lot of regulations, but there are not a lot of champions for the nonprofit sector," she said, adding that New Jersey's 31,000 nonprofits employ 288,000 and contribute \$32 billion to the state economy.

The measure could "build responsible public policy and support for what the nonprofit community does," Czipo said.